INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Senator Wilson Presents a Resolution to Pre-. vent Pooling Arrangements by Railroads.

Adjustment of South Carolina's Arms Account Authorized.

Mr. Slater Goes for the Uncarned Land Grants of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

The Pension Appropriations Bill Considered by the House.

THE SENATE.

Mr. Wilson offered the following preamble and resolution, which at his request were permitted to lie on the table to be by him called up in a few days for reference to a committee, when he will sak unsuimous consent to make some remarks on the subject involved;
Whereas the constitution delegates to congress

the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations and among the several states and with the Indian tribes; therefore be it Resolved, That it is competent for congress in

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the exercise of the power so delegated, to provide
by law for such regulation of the transportation
of commerce among the several states as shall incitude a system of maximum and minimum rates
of charge for the same, for free competition within
the limits so fixed for the prohibition of discrimination of any kind whatever, either in favor of or
against cities, towns, or other localities, whether
the same be competing or non-competing points,
for applying the same principles to transportation
for individuals, firms, associations or corporations in all matters relating to commerce
among the states; for the preservation and enforcement of the right of snippers to select the lines
and parts of lines over which their shipments
shall pass, to the end that snippers may avail
themselves of all rail or part rail and part water
routes of the country; for the prevention of such
pooling arrangements and agreements to refrain
from just competition as may tend to impose unreasonable burdens upon such commerce between
the states; for the protection of such commerce
against unjust exempetation and to the promotion of the true interests of both
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and the people and localities engaged in such
commerce by an enforcement of the principles
hereinbefore stated, and thereby induce harmony
and stability in the affairs of such corporations,
people, and localities.

Mr. Cockrell introduced a bill to provide for the
appointment of a Missouri river commission to
carry into effect plans for the improvement of said
river from its mouth to its headwaters.

The senate, proceeding to the consideration of
bills on the five-minute calendar, took up the bill
to authorize the account for arms between the State of
South Carolina and the government of the United
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men only, and the arms could not now be found in the sinte.

Mr. Platt opposed the bill. He did not think South Carolina ought to repudiate the act by which it got the arm in question. There was no proposition to return the arms to the United States, but on the contrary, the proposition was to keep them.

Mr. Hampton said he would not discuss the bill, but would merely say that there was now a very excelent militia in his state—an organization in which its members took pride; that it was impossible to arm them unless the bill was passed; and if the bill did not pass the militia of South Carolina could not get any arms for thirteen years to come. He would not criticise the war department nor the governor of South Carolina, who requested the srms, but there was a grave question whether the secretary of war had authority of law for an issue of thirty years' arms in any one year. Mr. Hampton would merely appeal to the secate to pass the bill, it having passed last year without a dissenting voice.

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Mr. Ingalls said that under the act of 1808 a sum of \$250,000 was annually allowed by the United States to supply arms to the militia of the several states; South Carolins had received the arms in question, and therefore, if the bill should pass, the somate, in doing an act of generosity to South Carolina, would be simply robbing the other states. For one, and as representing his state, Mr. Ingalis protested against it.

The bill was passed—yeas 30, nays 12.

The sonate then took up and passed the bill to authorize and direct the managers of the Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers to locate a branch of the home at some suitable point in either of the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, and Nobraska.

Before passing the bill it was modified by amendments proposed by Messrs, Miller, of California, and Conger.

Mr. Miller's amendment authorizes the board of managers to receive propositions from the managers of the Veterans' home located in Napacounty, Cal., for the transfer of the buildings and property or that home to the United States for use as a branch of the National Soldiers' home, and to report to congress in respect to the propriety and expediency of the acceptance of said Veterans' home.

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Mr. Conger said the soldiers and sailors of Michigan were unanimous in their demand for a home, in their own state, where they would be among people who would take an interest in them. On his motion the bill was so amended as to require the board of managers to inquire into the expediency of establishing a branch home in Michigan.

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Mr. Slater, according to notice given some days since, on presenting a bill to forfeit the unearned land grants of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, addressed the senate on a motion to refer the bill to a committee.

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Mr. Slater severely criticised the course of the land department of the government, reading from the testinginy of an employe of that department to show that doubts were resolved in favor of the railroad corporations and against settlers. Referring specifically to the Northern Pacific railroad, Mr. Slater said that in the lifetime of its grant the road had earned 10,000,000 acres, and since the term of the grant expired it had earned 30,000,000 more. In round numbers, it had earned index to the amount of 40,000,000 acres, which at the very lowest estimate, will realize \$100,000,000, and its coal lands on the sound were so valuable that it would not sell them at any price. The company was not entitled to any lentency, it was simply entitled to the letter of the law, and no more. The company had, in 1889, invited settlers to go upon their agricultural lands west of the Missouri river and promised that each settler who should settle on those lands in advance of the construction of the road should be entitled to pureasse them at 92,60 per acre. Thousands accepted the proposition and settled on the lands and improved them. Yet, last fall and winter agents of the company went around and appraised those lands at prices varying from \$4,50 to \$10 per nore, and the settlers were lold that if they were not ready or willing to come to terms others would be giad to purchase their lands.

Mr. Sinter's bill, he said, sought only to forfeit the lands adjacent to the uncompleted portion of the road, not being able to satisfy himself that any other portion of the lands were now within the reach of congressional legislation. He moved the reference of the bill to the committee on public lands.

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Mr. Delph asked that the bill lie on the table for a few days, to which Mr. Slater assented.

Consideration of the bankrupper bill was then resumed, and amendments were offered by Messis. George. Morgan, Wilsen, Hoar, and others. Mr. Hoar and other sensions were anxious to have the bill disposed of to-day, and were willing to sit late to accomplish that end, but, it becoming manifest that considerable discussion would arise on some of the proposed amendments, the senate (at 5:15 p. m.) adjourned.

Among the amendments agreed to was one proposed by Mr. George, giving debts due to laboring men and domestic servants priority over debts due to the state or the United States. Mr. George expressed the belief that it was time to do away with the practice hitherto prevailing in all countries of giving debts due to the sylving debts due to daying debts due to daying debts due to be given to design the proposed by a design of the proposed by the power those due to hard-working day laborers and domestic servants in the employ of bankrupts.

Before adjournment Mr. Plumb gave notice that he would to day move to take up the postofice appropriation bill, whether the bankruptcy bill should be then disposed of or not.

THE HOUSE.

On motion of Mr. Price, of Wisconsin, a bill was passed authorizing the construction of a railroad oridge across the St. Croix river in the states of

Wisconsin and Minnesota. Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Mr. Dibble, of South Carolina, from the committee on public lands, reported a resolution calling on the secretary of the treasury for information relating to the purchase of a site for the public building at Brooklyn, N. Y., and directing that committee to make an investigation into the subject.

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Mr. James, of New York, said that during his ab-Mr. James, of New York, and that during his absence yesterday, his colleague (Mr. Skinner) had objected to the consideration of the resolution. A New York paper had referred to this action in a manner prejudicial to him, and he wished to say that the objection had been made without any knowledge en his part and outer pure courtesy on the part of his colleague. Had he been present he would not have objected. He had no reason to

doubt that every transaction in connection with the selection of the site was honest and upright. Mr. Skinner characterized as absolutely false the statement made in a New York paper that his objection had been made at the private request of Mr. James.

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The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Helmont, of New York, presented a petition of the teachers and students in the Cooper Union flavor of abolishing the duty on works of art. toferred.

Referred.

The morning hour having been dispensed with the house, at 12:35, went into committee of the whole (Mr. Springer, of Illinois, in the chair) on the pension appropriation bill.

After an hour's debate the bill was read by paragraphs for amendments.

Mr. Goff, of West Virginia, offered a proviso that no proof shall be required either in pending cases or those hereafter filed as to the payalest condition of the soldier at the time he was mustered into the service; and all claims heretofore rejected on account of lack of such proof shall be reheard.

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Against the proviso, Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Hammond, of Georgia, raised points of order; and in the course of the discussion Mr. Reed, of Maine, took occasion to express his judicions contempt for the system of rules under which the house was operating. The house was doing no business because it deliberately sacrificed its time under the rules in a way that made it impossible to do business. An hour a day was wasted in cataloging the decisions made by the various committees. The only effect of the decision of a committee was to enable the corpse to be pit in a glass case, where the friends of the deceased might look upon the remains. There were on the calendars 1.200 committee reports and no business was done except that presided over by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Randall), and he, mejestically situated as he was, was not equal, even with the assistance of Mr. Holman, to the whole business of the country. Niagara could not be poured through spouts.

Mr. Randall said that the theory of the rules of congress had always been to protect the minority. The majority could always protect itself, and the gentleman from Maine ought to know that the present committee on rules had been magnanimous enough to continue that philosophy. The rules provided for the saving of money and put an end to the system of lexislating through omnibus bills. He was willing to appropriate on every appropriation bill, provided money was to be saved thereby, but never when the expenditures were to be increased. The United tates, he might say, was legislated to death. It had more legislation than was required and more than the people demanded; and if there was an evil in this country it was to much legislation.

Mr. Reed, of Maine, did not know whether this assertion was true, but he did know that courre sent their grievances heard. The result of these repeated ref

propriations, moved to make the amount 810. Agreed to.
Mr. Rosecrans offered an amendment striking out the provision for the pay of pension agents, and transferring the duties of those officers to the pay department of the army.

Pending a vote on this amendment the committee rose.

tee rose.

The speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Brewer as a director of the Columbia hospital, Washington.

The house then (at 5 o'clock) adjourned.

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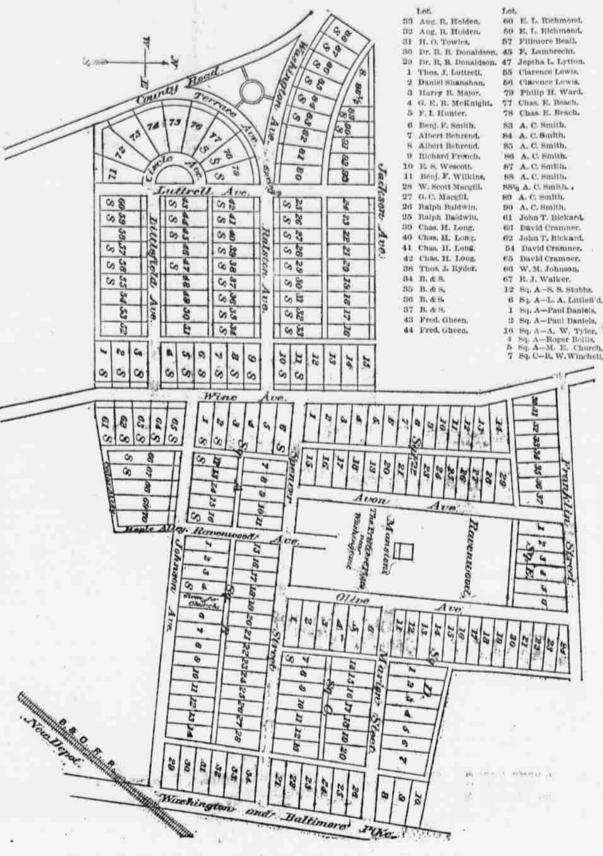
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